



**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
 Work Session  
 Webconference, October 15-16, 2020**

**PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

*This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board. All references to meeting materials, including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-15-2020&meeting=tele>.*

**Board Members**

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair  
 John Jensen, Vice-chair  
 John Wood  
 McKenzie Mitchell

Israel Payton  
 Abe Williams  
 Gerad Godfrey

*C=Carried, F=Failed, N/A=No Action*

Action	#	Agenda Change Request	Audio Tracking Info*
<b><i>Yukon Area (1)</i></b>			
<b>F</b> <i>(0-7)</i>	ACR 1	Allow use of dipnets in Yukon Area, Subdistrict 6-C personal use salmon fishery. (5 AAC 77.171).	<i>Meeting 10-15-20: 3:36:02 PM</i>
<b><i>Statewide Finfish Provisions (4)</i></b>			
<b>F</b> <i>(0-7)</i>	ACR 2	Modify the definition of nonpelagic rockfish (5 AAC 75.995).	<i>Meeting 10-15-20: 3:44:56 PM</i>
<b><i>Upper Cook Inlet finfish – Kasilof River (1) and Kenai River Late Run King Salmon (3)</i></b>			
<b>F</b> <i>(0-7)</i>	ACR 3	Provide additional opportunity to harvest salmon with drift gillnet gear in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area and within one and one-half miles of the mean high tide mark of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline in Kenai and Kasilof sections south of the Kenai River (5 AAC 21.310 and 5 AAC 21.365).	<i>Meeting 10-15-20: 3:48:32 PM</i>



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F (1-6)	ACR 4	Allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear within 1,500 feet of mean high tide mark in the Upper Subdistrict when projected Kenai River late-run king salmon escapement is less than 15,000 large fish and Kenai River late-run and Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement goals are projected to be achieved or exceeded (5 AAC 21.359).	Meeting 10-15-20: 3:57:24 PM
F (0-7)	ACR 5	Allow commercial fishing for salmon with set gillnet gear in waters of the Upper Subdistrict within 600 feet of mean high tide mark when projected Kenai River late-run king salmon escapement is less than 15,000 large fish and Kenai River late-run sockeye and Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement goals are projected to be met (5 AAC 21.359).	Meeting 10-15-20: 4:04:24 PM
F (0-7)	ACR 6	Exempt set gillnet fishing opportunity in East Foreland Section from paired restrictions described in Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 21.359).	Meeting 10-15-20: 4:08:03 PM

\* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "10-15-20" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the ACR began according to the meeting audio.

**Other Board Action/Issues/Discussion:**

- 1) **Election of Officers.** Ms. Carlson-Van Dort was voted as chair by unanimous consent. Mr. Jensen was named vice-chair by unanimous consent. *Meeting 10-15-20:  
8:53:10 AM*
  
- 2) **2019/2020 Committees and Task Forces:** There were two committee meetings in 2019/2020 including an October 21, 2019, Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Fishery Management Plan Special Committee, and a March 7, 2020 Hatchery Committee. Meeting summaries were provided in the RC1 miscellaneous section. *Meeting 10-15-20:  
9:11:54 AM*
  
- 3) **2020/2021 Standing Committee Assignments.** Chair Carlson-Van Dort made committee assignments (RC14) including: *Meeting 10-15-20:  
9:36:21 AM*
  - a) Committee on Committees: Chair Carlson-Van Dort, Payton, Jensen
  - b) Board of Fisheries (BOF)/Board of Game (BOG): Chair Mitchell, Williams, Jensen
  - c) State/Federal Subsistence: Chair Williams, Wood, Godfrey
  - d) Habitat Committee: Chair Wood, Williams, Godfrey
  - e) Joint Protocol Committee: Chair Jensen, Carlson-Van Dort, Mitchell



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- f) Legislation: Chair Godfrey, Wood, Payton
  - g) Hatchery: Chair Carlson-Van Dort, all other board members
  - h) Special Committee Naknek River Sport Commercial Services and Guide Fisheries: Chair Payton, Carlson-Van Dort, Mitchell
- 4) **Special Committee Concepts.** Led by Mr. Wood, the board discussed its interest in establishing two special committees to 1.) review the board's regulatory process, and 2.) develop a resolution to identify research needs and funding. The board agreed to take up two charge statements to form the committees under miscellaneous business. *Meeting 10-15-20: 9:39:28 AM*
- 5) **Escapement Goal Policy and Processes, and Stock of Concern Development and Implementation.** ADF&G's chief fishery scientists provided an overview to the board regarding how escapement goals and stocks of concern are determined. *Meeting 10-15-20: 9:51:17 AM*
- 6) **Escapement Goals/Stocks of Concern**
- a) ADF&G Memos on Escapement Goals and Stocks of Concern: ADF&G provided a report and update on its escapement goals and stocks of concern for salmon runs in this year's meeting cycle (RCs 3 and 4). *Meeting 10-15-20: 1:04:24 AM*
    - i) Prince William Sound.
    - ii) Southeast.
- 7) **North Pacific Fishery Management Council Update.** Extended Jurisdiction Program Manager Karla Bush provided an update on recent Council events. *Meeting 10-15-20: 1:39:53 PM*
- 8) **Federal Subsistence Board Update.** US Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Subsistence Management liaison George Pappas provided an update on recent and next-year Federal Subsistence Board efforts. *Meeting 10-15-20: 2:24:50 PM*
- 9) **Review of 2020/2021 Cycle Workload.** In reviewing the upcoming meeting cycle, the board did not change any meeting durations. The board accepted the new proposed meeting dates for the Prince William Sound meeting for March 30-April 5, 2021, and the Southeast and Yakutat meeting for April 17-29, 2021. Boards Support indicated it will monitor COVID-19 conditions in the state and may move to postpone the meetings further if conditions warrant. *Meeting 10-15-20: 2:57:30 PM*
- 10) **2021/2022 Call for Proposals.** The board approved the draft call for proposals found in the board's workbook (RC1) under the miscellaneous section. *Meeting 10-15-20: 3:17:11 PM*



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### 11) Approve Meeting Dates and Locations for 2022/2023 Cycle.

- a) Work Session: October 20-21, 2022, Anchorage.
- b) Lower Cook Inlet Finfish: November 29-December 2, 2022, Homer.
- c) Kodiak Finfish: January 10-13, 2023, Kodiak.
- d) Upper Cook Inlet Finfish: February 24-March 9, 2023, Anchorage.

*Meeting 10-15-20:  
3:19:53 PM*

12) **Stock of Concern approval.** The board approved ADF&G's stock of concern listings, with the exception of Northern Southeast pink salmon, and asked ADF&G to craft draft action plan options for review at the appropriate regional meetings later in the 2020-2021 regulatory cycle.

*Meeting 10-16-20:  
8:33:22 AM*

13) **Division of Sport Fish Request to Use Rotenone on Kashwitna Pit (RC8).** The board approved the Division of Sport Fish's request to use rotenone for northern pike eradication efforts in Kashwitna Pit, just north of Willow, Alaska. In accordance with Alaska Statute 16.35.200, ADF&G must receive approval from the board to use a poison, rotenone, to eradicate predatory species.

*Meeting 10-16-20:  
8:54:04 AM*

14) **Update on the 2020 Yukon Salmon Fishery Season.** ADF&G staff provided a brief update on the 2020 Yukon salmon fisheries and stock status.

*Meeting 10-16-20:  
9:03:50 AM*

15) **Update on Legislative board and commissions confirmation process.** The board received an update from the Department of Law regarding the legislature's boards and commissions appointee confirmation process. At this point it is unknown precisely how the confirmation process will unfold, but Law and the Governor's Office are working on it.

*Meeting 10-16-20:  
9:24:21 AM*

16) **Review of board practices during ethics recusals (RC6).** Members Godfrey and Wood led the board through a discussion on a draft policy to review board practices during ethics recusals. After discussion, the board approved 7-0 a new board policy *2020-299-FB Policy on Board Member Actions at Meetings When Recused From Participating on Proposals*.

*Meeting 10-16-20:  
9:34:26 AM*

17) **Discussion on the Special Committee of Naknek River Sport Commercial Services and Guide Fisheries.** The board discussed the status of its special committee on Naknek River sport fisheries, formed through 2018-293-FB. The committee had yet to meet and its previous committee members were no longer on the board. The board agreed to reconstitute the committee with members Payton (chair), Mitchell, and Carlson-Van Dort. Member Williams also expressed interest in the actions of the committee.

*Meeting 10-16-20:  
9:42:58 AM*



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18) **Update on Advisory Committee meetings.** Executive Director Haight provided an update on Boards Support's work on advisory committee meeting planning for the year. Boards Support was currently not facilitating in-person meetings, but assembled a Best Practices guide for meeting via teleconference or videoconference (Zoom platform). Boards Support had not ruled out the potential for in-person meetings, but until such time that conditions allowed for in-person meetings, regional coordinators working in partnership with their committee chairs had the flexibility to set up meetings that best meets the needs of the advisory committees.

*Meeting 10-16-20:  
9:53:37 AM*

19) **Discussion on special committee to review board process (RC22).** The board discussed and approved *2020-300-FB Charge Statement for the Board's Special Committee to Review Board Process* by a vote of 7-0.

*Meeting 10-16-20:  
10:23:00 AM*

20) **Discussion on special committee to develop a resolution to identify research needs and funding (RC23).** The board discussed and approved *2020-301-FB: Charge Statement for the Board's Special Committee to Review Fisheries Research Needs and Funding Sources* by a vote of 5-2.

*Meeting 10-16-20:  
10:35:12 AM*

The meeting adjourned at 10:54am.